William Lodge Collection
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Local History Collection
Special Collection

LOCAL HISTORY SPECIAL COLLECTION NO: 1975-1

LOCATION: Storage Room – Local History Shelves

ACQUISITION: Collection was donated by Mr. Wolcott, nephew of William Lodge.

ACCESS: access by request in only, materials fragile, materials do not circulate

VOLUME: 4 boxes

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: William Lodge was the first mayor of Silver Lake Village. He was the son of Ralph Lodge, founder of Silver Lake Amusement Park. Ralph purchased Silver Lake, but no land around it, January 10, 1874 from Joshua Stow’s daughter Mrs. Horace Miller. He paid $1,305.00 for it. In June 1874 he purchased 35 acres on the southwest shore. The Ralph Lodge family moved to Silver Lake in April 1876.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection consists of photographs of Silver Lake circa 1915-early 1920’s; 2 photos circa 1950’s; letters and articles written by William Lodge.

Series 1: Photographs (loose)
Box 1:
1975-1-002: B& white 8x10. Woman on left standing beside canoe. Two people in a canoe on the lake.
1975-1-003: B & white 8x10: winter scene; view of newly built house facing a road and lake.
1975-1-004: B & white 8x10: Silver Lake Park; entrance scene of buildings, people, two officers standing with arms crossed next to tree.
1975-1-005: Silver Lake Park:Two men in a rowboat facing camera;
1975-1-006: lady standing on trail in the woods, holding an umbrella.
1975-1-007: lady standing on trail in the woods on left side of photograph.
1975-1-008: view of Silver Lake pier and dance hall.
1975-1-009: very faded B & white 8x10; Silver Lake Park: view of two men on wagon, with oxen. Several buildings and trees.
1975-1-010: man sitting on top of log in a wagon being pulled by two oxen
1975-1-011: B & white 8x10; Silver Lake Park; swimmers having photo taken
1975-1-012: B & white 8x10; rowboat in lake
1975-1-013: B & white 8x10: row boat in lake; house in distance
1975-1-014: B & white 8x10: Silver Lake Estates office and old car; entrance to Silver Lake
1975-1-015: B & white 8x10: Silver Lake Estates office, car on left, winter
1975-1-016: B & white 8x10: Silver Lake, winter scene, park bench on left
1975-1-017: B & white 8x10: Silver Lake Estates; new house, summer
1975-1-018: B & white 8x10: view of boulevard with house on right, summer
1975-1-019: B & white 8x10: View of boulevard, winter, car on the right, houses on the left, possibly facing south
1975-1-020: B & white 8x10: lake with two swans
1975-1-021 B & white 8x10: 3 ladies dressed in swim attire in canoe on lake
1975-1-022 B & white 8x10: view of lake with dock. Looks like tracks in the foreground.
1975-1-023 B & white 8x10: lake; cleared property between trees
1975-1-024 B & white 8x10: footbridge, stone wall, cleared land between trees
1975-1-025 B & white 8x10: close up of lake with house and trees in distance.
1975-1-026 B & white 5x7: Chautauqua Lake pier
1975-1-027 Color postcard: swimmers in lake on rowboats in front of Silver Lake Park dance hall.
1975-1-028 extremely poor quality, very dark photo; bears
1975-1-029 extremely poor quality, very dark photo; couples dancing in Silver Lake Park dance hall
1975-1-030 extremely poor quality, very dark photo: Silver Lake Park building
1975-1-031 extremely poor quality, very dark photo: Silver Lake Park Pony Driving Track – children riding carts and ponies
1975-1-032 extremely poor quality, very dark photo: Silver Lake Park Aquarium
1975-1-033 extremely poor quality, very dark photo: Steamer Silver Queen
1975-1-034 extremely poor quality, very dark photo: Elm Cottage – Log Cabin Camp at Silver Lake Park
1975-1-035 B & white 5x7: close up of swans on lake
1975-1-036 B & white 5x7: children on pier in lake, circa 1950’s?
1975-1-037 B & white 5x7: swimmers on diving platform on lake, circa 1950’s?

Series 2: Documents
Box 2: History of Silver Lake Park
  Regional History
  Silver Lake Amusement Park History
  Randolph Park
  Improvements and Conveniences

Box 3: History of Birds and Zoo Animals
  Miscellaneous Bird Stories
  Migration and Care of Birds
  Zoo Animals

Box 4: Miscellaneous History
  Biographies
  River Cruises
  Banks of the Area
  Miscellaneous (including History of the Community Church of Stow)